

REMARKS

The specification of the subject U.S. patent application, as filed, as constituted by the German language text of PCT/EP2004/051378, has been cancelled in favor of the concurrently submitted Substitute Specification. A verified translation of the German text is also included, together with a marked-up version of that verified translation.

All of the German language claims, including claims 25-46 filed with the application, have been cancelled. New claims 47-68 have been submitted. New claims 47-68 are essentially the same, in scope, as the German language claims that they replace.


The filing fee submitted with the original application included the \$130.00 surcharge for the late filing of the English translation. The addition of claims 47-68 and the cancellation of claims 25-46 does not require the payment of any additional filing fees. If any additional fees are required in connection with the filing of this Second Preliminary Amendment, they are authorized to be charge to the deposit account No. 10-1213 of the undersigned.

Entry of this Second Preliminary Amendment into the subject U.S. patent application, prior to an examination of the application on the merits, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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